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COUNTY AND FEDERAL COURTS

Circuit—First Monday in January and May, and fourth Monday in August.
 County—First Monday in February, May, August and November.
 Probate—First Monday in February, August, November, second Monday in May
 Common Pleas—Fourth Monday in February, May, July and November.
 Federal—Second Monday in April and October.

CHEAPER FUEL FOR POWER.

"Water can be pumped by the use of low-grade oils much cheaper than with gasoline. Almost all the engines sold here now—and there are many plants being put in—are equipped to use oil. Most of the owners of gasoline outfits are changing their engines so they can use oil. The increasing number of motor cars has greatly raised the price of gasoline in the last few years, so we will just give up the use of this fuel, and use the low-grade oils, which are much cheaper and just about as efficient," says W. O. Carter, president of the Garden City, Kan., Commercial Club. To demonstrate just what could be done with low grade fuels he has installed a small pumping plant at Garden City. This outfit has a centrifugal pump with a two and one-half inch inclosed propeller and throws 225 gallons of water a minute with a 12 foot lift; it is 10 feet from the surface of the ground to water and the water is raised about two feet above the ground. At this rate the pump will deliver one acre-foot of water—water enough to cover an acre one foot deep—in 24 hours. A two-horse power engine runs this outfit, which burns 1 with 39 degrees density; the cost of the oil being about two cents an hour. Oil of this quality may be bought for about seven cents a gallon at retail and for quite a bit less in larger quantities. "We could buy gasoline in large quantities for as low as cents a gallon five years ago," Mr. Carter says. "The increase in price has come in the last two years. When the fuel was selling for 10 cents, we did not pay much attention to oil engines. Indeed, at that time they were not so efficient as now. But with the increase in price of gasoline has come the increase in efficiency of the oil engines."

CONTAMINATED DRINKING WATER.

What is to be done about impure water for drinking purposes at the city school buildings?

Who is lax in probing immediately into the dangerous conditions reported to be existing?

Do parents of pupils attending at least two and possibly the third school care to have their little ones' life endangered?

Announcement in The Tribune on Monday should set parents to thinking and the board of education, the city health board—the city in general—should see if there is not a cure to this terrible condition.

According to the report submitted by George H. Jones, state bacteriologist, the Broadway school shows 100 total bacteria per cubic centim.; Jefferson, school, 180; Lorimer school, 40; Washington school, 400.

The state bacteriologist asserts that the presence of more than 100 bacteria per cubic centimeter indicates that the water is contaminated and unfit for use.

Thus far no action has been taken on this report, and so far as can be learned the conditions existing at the time the samples of water were submitted have not changed.

FARMERS LIKE DAIRY BREEDS

Many of the progressive farmers of the younger generation in the Middle West are turning to the dairy business with pure-bred livestock. This territory as a whole has been, and still is, preeminently given to beef producing but the growing popularity of the dairy breeds indicates that it is to have standing in earnest as a dairy section also.

"I say it is the farmers of the younger generation chiefly who are turning to dairying. There are two reasons why this is so," says F. L. Kerr of Nebraska. "The first is that the older farmers have the beef cattle habit, if I may use that term, and they find that habit hard to break. The other reason is that whereas the older men could get their start by grain farming and beef-producing on the cheap land with which they had a start, the young man now must farm more extensively to get his profit from a large investment in land, or with a high rate of rent to pay. The advantage in producing dairy cattle, the advantage which appeals to the ambitious young farmer, is that while dairy bred calves are worth as much as beef-bred calves on the market, there are still the dairy products produced by the cows to pay the running expenses, feed bills, interest on investment and the like."

LET'S PLANT TREES—ARBOR DAY APRIL 14.

Governor Major has issued his Arbor Day proclamation early enough to give the schools and others interested in beautification of streets, lawns and private grounds plenty of time to prepare for one big tree-planting day. Trees add about as much to the looks of a street, lawn or institution grounds as anything—no landscape artist prepares plans without taking trees into consideration. In his proclamation the Governor says:

"I suggest that the public exercises be such as will impress the children and citizens generally with the importance and value of making school grounds attractive, evidence our interest in educational affairs and encourage forestry. I also suggest that each teacher or Board of Education on Arbor Day press upon the people the progressive and wholesome school legislation enacted by the Legislature of 1913, under which 45 weak rural school districts and 167 weak town or village schools were given a special aid."

"I have requested William P. Evans, State Superintendent of Public Schools, to suggest to the schools the character and nature of exercises to be conducted."

PRESS IS ENTITLED TO THE NEWS.

That a newspaper has a property right in news relating to the actions of public officials was the principle of a law laid down a few days ago in an Ohio court in which Judge John W. Goldsberry of Chillicothe, Ross county, rendered the decision. A temporary restraining order was made permanent in the case of the Scioto Gazette company, a corporation, against Robert D. Alexander, auditor of Ross county, enjoining the defendant from preventing employees of the plaintiff from being present at meetings of the county commissioners. The case had been in the courts about three years.

The decision is believed to be the first by an Ohio court upon such a question. It is generally conceded, especially in cities, that newspaper representatives are entitled to be present at all sessions of public bodies—a custom that prevails throughout the country.

Where newspaper representatives are not present at such meetings the public probably would have very poor insight into the transactions of officials, a right the public has, and through newspapers only is this news available.

THE TRIBUNE RECEIVES MANY COMMENTS.

So numerous have been the flattering comments from the newspapers of the state on The Cape Daily Tribune and The Cape Weekly Tribune that it has been impossible to devote space to repetition of the many kind words. As a sample of the majority of them we proudly reproduce the following from a recent issue of The Bloomfield Vindicator, one of the snappy exchanges that comes to our desk:

"The Cape Tribune, which succeeds the Cape Herald, has reached our desk and we give it welcome. The Tribune is a well printed, well edited, bright newspaper, which should appeal very strongly to the people of the city and county of Cape Girardeau. It is published daily and weekly by The Cape Girardeau Publishing Company at Cape Girardeau."

It is needless to say that The Tribune is highly appreciative of the kind things our brother editors have to say about us, and it is our sincere wish that we may always provide the quality of newspaper that they "size up" The Tribune to be.

Plans are maturing for Cape Girardeau's "White Way." The Missouri Public Utilities Co. will be ready to install the new illuminating feature as soon as the city council will sanction the particular design of standard which the company desires to use.

It is the wish of the Utilities Company to use a combination light and trolley pole, doing away with all the unsightly poles in the business districts through which street cars pass.

Truly such a plan will make Cape Girardeau beautiful at night, and will make the streets more brightly in the day time.

It is stated that the pole proposed for use here is proving highly satisfactory in Hudson, N. Y.

Can you imagine how attractive the Cape will be to steamboat passengers along the river at night?—and really it is the most attractive city in the daytime, standing out boldly and firmly, giving every indication of a substantial business and social foundation that makes cities.

NORMAL SCHOOL BASKET BALL TEAM.

Cape Girardeau is justly proud of the Normal school basket ball team. It is with pleasure that reference is made to the fact that this team, after playing many games the present season, has lost but one—that on last Friday night—then defeated by only one point, by the Arkansas Agricultural College team. The visitors were by far the strongest team that has tackled the Cape Normal boys, but the latter team was not up to its standard, owing to two of the strongest men of the team being incapacitated.

CHURCHES FIND THAT ADVERTISING PAYS.

Churches of the entire country have come to the conclusion that newspaper advertising is a very good medium of reaching the public. Not a few churches have contracted for newspaper space in which to tell the public of what the church is doing. Many of the daily papers in the cities are being used by different denominations to tell the people why they should attend church and of the benefits to be derived.

Among the numerous important conventions of nationwide interest for the coming summer may be mentioned the Polish Falcons' Alliance of America, Buffalo, September 6-10; Federation of Arts, Chicago, May 21-23; Supreme Commandery, Knights of St. John, Cincinnati, June 21-25; Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Denver, July 13-19; International Association of Rotary Clubs, Houston, Tex., June 21-26; United Confederate Veterans' Reunion, Jacksonville, Fla., April 29-May 1; Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn., May 13-20.

Undoubtedly the Ozark Fruit Growers' association has good grounds for the complaint it has filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission against the United States and American Express companies. It is alleged an overcharge \$94.40 was made on a carload of peaches from Cedar Gap, Ind. It is charged that the express companies collected \$109.40 for the shipment; that a fair rate would have been \$202 in addition to the \$40 for refrigeration. Seems that high cost of living will never be downed so long as such rates prevail.

The proposed revision of the articles of war, the Federal military law that has stood the storms since 1806 may, if it becomes a law, give the soldier more recognition as a citizen of the United States. It is designed to make the soldier guilty of purely military offenses an object of reformatory discipline, instead of a penitentiary convict with the stamp of a criminal upon him.

Sunday, Feb. 15, has been set apart by the churches of Kansas City as "boys' day." It is to be a boys' go-to-church day. The little fellows are to participate in many of the programs and to otherwise help make the day the biggest of the kind ever held. It is needless to attempt to do anything without the help of the boys.

Commercial Clubs are springing up in about every city and town in the United States. Many have had such organizations for years and those without them are beginning to realize that it is almost impossible to successfully boost without a good strong business men's association.

District Judge McHenry of Des Moines, Ia., has knocked out the "blue sky" law passed by the legislature of that state one year ago. An injunction has been issued restraining the State Executive Council from spending state funds to enforce the measure.

When a man thinks so much of his wife's happiness that he is willing to give her up to another man certainly he should be decorated with a Carnegie medal. A Sterling, Ill., man did just such a trick. Then he joined the navy to forget the past.

With one of the biggest circulation contests ever conducted in Missouri, and with one of the best serial stories just begun, The Tribune certainly is in the lime light.

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES.

Two days of this month the entire nation celebrates the anniversaries of the birth of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

The month of February has been made famous in American history by these two anniversaries, and the close proximity of these eventful dates adds emphasis to the qualities that link together the names of Washington and Lincoln. These names must always head the list of illustrious Americans and the services of these two great men to the country and to mankind in general will be a perpetual fountain of inspiration to the generations yet to come. The American people are fortunate, indeed, in having such beacon lights as these to guide them, and such minds of wisdoms and statesmanship as was left by these men, from which to draw inspiration.

Much has been written on these two great men. It is a custom each year to lionize the two great American leaders who own February as their natal month. The individual characteristics of each have been reiterated until they are as familiar as our own names. The hatchet story and the Gettysburg address, especially the latter, are prominent national classics. On top of all this laudation perhaps a personal opinion may find room, though we fear our entrance among the multitude of authors which dilate upon this theme may merely add the final straw.

True, "Washington and Lincoln were men of heroic mold." To that we add a hearty amen. But we dare not to say the real superlative character of each is unknown to the masses. We picture Washington crossing the Delaware or braving the rigors of the winter at Valley Forge. We lose sight of him as a statesman. We consider him a stern, unapproachable man. We would do better to see in him the typical Virginia planter, of his time, probably as typical an American type as could be found. There on his broad acres, his ambition was merely a country gentleman's. After his strenuous campaigning years, the quiet of Mt. Vernon was his only desire. Yet when the new born republic was looking for a head and turned to the Virginia soldier, how patiently and conscientiously he performed his new labors. The son of Virginia was no less American than the son of Illinois whose birthday was honored on the twelfth of February.

Personally, these two men both appear on the level, one with the other. The common, petty, selfish rabble melts away when we look at the picture of our national history as these two men stand bodily forth alone, the first Americans. Both were great men of the greatest type of greatness. Both were prophetic. Both came to the rescue when help was sorely needed and when the expectation of deepest enmity seemed almost fulfilled.

Both received abuse and calumny, vituperation and scorn. Yet both heroically refused to surrender to the pettiness about them and withstood it all that the nation might live.

These are the two great men February gave us. We should think as the days of this short month pass along, of our first great Americans, and learn from them the lesson of true patriotism for the "Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave."

The boy and girl today should be made to understand the real significance of February's two anniversary days.

FRESH AIR AND ILL TEMPER.

Half the ill temper in the world is the result of poor ventilation. Think of your own case. Let the office or the house or the school room become close and "stuffy" and immediately there follows a feeling of depression. The lungs being robbed of fresh air, the blood is deprived of oxygen, the purifying agency, the nerve centers are depressed in their own turn and all of a sudden we find ourselves in an irritable, peevish humor without any apparent explanation for it. Ask any teacher which is the most trying time of the day and she will tell you the last hour. Which hours are hardest at the office—the last ones, of course. Not necessarily because it means the culmination of the day's efforts but because the windows have been kept down and the steam on until the air becomes hot, dry and parched and then follows in due turn this depression and with it irritability. People whose occupations keep them out of doors are as a class more even tempered and genial than shut-ins.

In industries of all sorts there is a striving for scientific efficiency. It would be well for employers and correspondingly for the employees if among those considerations they would make sure of obtaining a proper system of ventilation wherever any considerable number of people are at work. Without a supply of fresh air it is impossible to bring about the maximum physical efficiency of the individual worker. So much for the work shops.

The conditions in our homes are equally worth watching. Many a housewife who feels nervously exhausted would find that a few minutes exercise in fresh air would prevent a nervous headache. A temperature of 65 degrees fahrenheit where the air is fresh is far healthier and more acceptable to the normal young or middle aged individual than a temperature of 70 or more degrees in a vitiated atmosphere. As a preventive fresh air is of the greatest value. Overheated, ill-ventilated rooms, offices, cars, etc., are predisposing agencies to both colds and pneumonia.

FARMERS PROFITS 30 YEARS AGO AND NOW.

By A. D. Blomeyer, M. D.

In a recent issue we stated that the price paid for one ear of corn from the Normal Corn Show would have bought 16 1-4 bushels 30 years ago. At that time St. Francois County farmers hauled their wheat to St. Genevieve where they received 85 cents a bushel, a gain of \$3.50 a load over the price paid at Farmington. The distance was 30 miles and required 40 hours for the round trip. They took along their horse feed, food and blankets and slept in the mill warehouse on a pallet and as they did not value time of team and driver, the \$3.50 was counted net gain. Wheat sold for 55 cents at one time after that and eggs at 7 cents a dozen, butter 12 cents a pound and no ready market in St. Francois county.

Now, if the former owner receives \$1.00 up for wheat, 25 cents for eggs and 30 cents for butter and the cost of production is about the same, the net earnings and increase in price of farm produce is greater and more encouraging than any other field of labor.

At last "dear old dad" is coming into his own. "Fathers' Day," presumably the first service of the kind, is to be observed on Sunday, Feb. 22, in Pilgrim Congregational church, St. Louis.

A Chicago man laughed so hard at a picture show that he expired. Something should be done at once to keep picture shows from being made too humorous.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox says that every man should talk with his wife at least once a day, if for nothing else than to start an argument, we presume.

Women ought to be interested in the good roads movement. The better the roads the less excuse hubby will have for getting home late.

The packers say the price of beef to the retailer is 25 per cent less than it was a year ago. Unfortunately most of us are not retailers.

Two Chicago physicians were among 70 men who were arrested and fined \$2 and cost for spitting on the sidewalks in Chicago.